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Continuation of 3. NOTE: claim 1 now includes a new limitation of being continuously adjustable without canceling a connection state of the opener and the holder, this would require further consideration.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the use of an elastic velcro connector would not make the connection less sturdy. the elasticity would allow for very small movments without placing undue stress on the coupling which would prevent possible unintended removal of 66 relative to 22...